

GFWC-NC District 4: Community Service Betwixt and Between

Spring 2023 Newsletter



President's Message

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District 4 Arts Festival

The District 4 Arts Festival held on February 11th was phenomenal. The **Burlington Woman's Club** outdid themselves with logistics and decorations. The club became an extension of the Arts Festival Co-Chairmen, **Birean Doerfler** and **Mary Jo Abernethy**, and the day went off without a hitch. I would like to especially compliment the decorations committee, led by **Edwina Ellison**, which created miniature landscapes of many points along the MST as centerpieces. This creativity caught the eye of our GFWC-NC President Kim Fulcher who asked to borrow them to use at the State Arts Festival. Please go to our [District 4 website](#) to view all of them.

The craft workshops were fun, and the arts competition was run professionally. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this event.



District Awards

Our newest award is the **District Four Communications and Information Award**. Clubs were asked to list five tools of communication that they use to reach either the public or their own members. The winner of this award for work in 2022 is **Sedgefield Woman's Club**.



The **District Outstanding Citizenship and Patriotism Award** recognizes a clubwoman for outstanding work in citizenship and patriotism. The winner for 2022 is **Teresa Royall of the Boonville Woman's Club**.

The **District Clubwoman of the Year Award** is given annually to honor a clubwoman who has given of her time, talents, interest, organizational efforts, and active participation to render outstanding service through the Federation. The winner for 2022 is **Fran Pollock of the Sedgefield Woman's Club**.



District Scholarship Report

District 4 received four applicants for our Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship. Thank you to **Denane Owen**, District 4 SSC Chairman, for her many hours of work. All the candidates were outstanding. **Ghina Mohammed**, sponsored by the **Sedgefield Woman's Club**, received our winner's scholarship amount of \$2,500. The runner-up was **Kennedy Frink**, sponsored by the **Dolley Madison Woman's Club**, who received \$1,500. Congratulations to these ladies who will definitely be successful in their academic careers.

All District 4 clubs are encouraged to sponsor students for our scholarship. We would love to have more candidates next year.

We Need Your Help

Speaking of District 4 Arts Festival, we will do it again in 2024! Our Chairmen will be the same, but we need to move the hostess responsibility to another club, or group of clubs. Please contact me if your club would like to be a part of this fun event.

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GFWC-NC Arts Festival

District 4 had a presence at State Arts Festival last weekend in Mebane, with several clubs attending. The festival was fun with lots of hands-on workshops, practical information, a pie auction, great art, and BINGO. A special recognition goes out to the **Mebane Woman's Club** whose members served as "Ambassadors" and helped the art competition run smoothly. Here's just a few photos from the day.



GFWC-NC Annual Convention April 21-22

Our **Annual State Convention** will be held **Friday– Saturday, April 21-22 in Charlotte**. If you missed the Call, please [click here](#). I would love to see many members of District 4 attend this event which is always fun and exciting.

The **District Luncheon** will be held on Friday. This will be a special event, celebrating the great work of our district clubs. I encourage you to be a part of our District 4 delegation! I will have a sign designating District 4, so we can try to sit near one another. Remember to wear your GRAY bandana to the luncheon. If you have not gotten one, I will have extras with me which you can purchase for \$5 each. (The proceeds will go to the MST Special Project). If bandanas aren't your thing, gray clothing or accessories are always a good alternative.

A slide show will be presented showing work by all the clubs of each district. I will be sending information and photos about District 4 clubs to our GFWC-NC 2nd Vice President. If your club has a Facebook page, I can grab photos and project information from there. **Feel free to send me anything about your club that you would like to see in the slide show. I will need to receive this by 5th.** Presidentgfwcncdistrict4@gmail.com

This year there will be one **“Celebration Banquet”** for all clubwomen attending. It will be on Friday night.

Awards will be presented on Saturday— Advancement Plans and Special Program Awards in the morning and CSP Awards after lunch.

Don't forget that your club is entitled to have delegates at the convention for voting on elections, by-laws, budget, etc. — *A Club having between 5 and 9 members shall be entitled to be represented by its President or her representative as its delegate. A Club having between 10 and 25 members shall be entitled to be represented by its President or her representative as its delegate and one additional delegate. A Club having more than 25 members shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional 25 members or majority thereof after the first 25*

District 4's own **Lori Seiler** has been nominated to the GFWC-NC Board of Trustees. Lori has served the Federation with distinction for 28 years. Currently she serves as president of the Greater Alamance Woman's Club.



District Four Spring/Summer Calendar

Thurs. April 20 — LEADS Seminar at State Convention (Embassy Suites Charlotte/Ayrsley)

Fri.—Sat. April 21-22 — GFWC-NC Annual Convention (Embassy Suites Charlotte/Ayrsley)

Mon. April 24 — Federation Day

June 1st — Club Presidents submit GFWC Membership Recruitment Forms to GFWC and GFWC-NC President-Elect

June 10-13 — GFWC Convention (Louisville, KY)

June 15 — District 4 Summer Newsletter

July 1st — State dues drop to half price for members joining

Convention Registration Deadline is April 4th

New Club Officers

Does your club elect new officers in the spring? If you have a new president, please complete the [GFWC-NC Update Form](#) and send to Headquarters as well as to me.



I am always available to visit your clubs and conduct installations and inductions. Just let me know and I'll be glad to check my calendar.

Spotlight on the Clubs of GFWC-NC District Four

Each issue of our District Four newsletter will spotlight at least one of our district clubs. In this issue we highlight **two** clubs which are each making a difference in their community. We would love to feature your club. Please send information to [Vanessa Lowder](#).

Club Spotlight: Kernersville Woman's Club

The Kernersville Woman's Club was founded in 1951. Currently, the club has 45 members and meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, from September through May at the Kernersville Community House.



The club awards three \$2000 scholarships to seniors from three local high schools.

Through the club's Conservation/Beautification Committee, club members work hand in hand with the Town of Kernersville maintaining flower beds at Harmon Park and the Kernersville Community House. The club also helps clean and decorate a local cemetery, and decorates an outdoor tree at the Kernersville Museum, as well as volunteering at the Ciener Botanical Gardens.



As a club fundraiser, the Kernersville Woman's Club hosts the local Lion's Club two to three times a year by preparing and serving a meal. The club sells pecans and specialty nuts during the fall as another fundraiser.



The club has a Community House Committee whose members assist the Town of Kernersville with showing and renting the Community House. This committee handles all the leases, maintenance, showings, etc.

Each month the club collects feminine products to donate to Crisis Control Ministries.

Other organizations that the Kernersville Woman's Club supports are:

Kernersville Public Library, Shepherds Center, Crisis Control Hospital, Harmon Park, Town of Kernersville, Kernersville Museum, local downtown businesses, Next Step Ministries, Domestic Violence Shelter, and local public schools. Check them out on [Facebook](#).



Club Spotlight: Woman's League of Mt. Airy

In 1996 members aging out of the Mt. Airy Junior Woman's Club formed the Women's League of Mt Airy and it was chartered in 1997 with 32 members. Last year the club celebrated its 25th year anniversary .



The club has a long history of supporting children and families in the Mt. Airy community. These efforts include work with various shelters, beautification projects throughout the community, and support of local museums. The club volunteers time and contributes financially to the local library and fire and police services. In the area of health, the club has conducted blood drives and assisted with drive-through flu and Covid clinics. As a smaller club, the Women's League of Mt. Airy enjoys partnering with other organizations to create a larger impact.

Like most clubs, the Woman's League of Mt. Airy was challenged by the Pandemic. They had problems staying connected. When things became more safe, the club formed a social group of single and widowed members who met weekly for dinner and outings. This was so helpful keeping members from being isolated and gave them the opportunity to invite outside friends to join and be introduced to the GFWC experience.



The club currently has 15 members and **Ruth McBride** serves as president. **Lisa Goodin** will take over this position in May. Check them out on [Facebook](#).

